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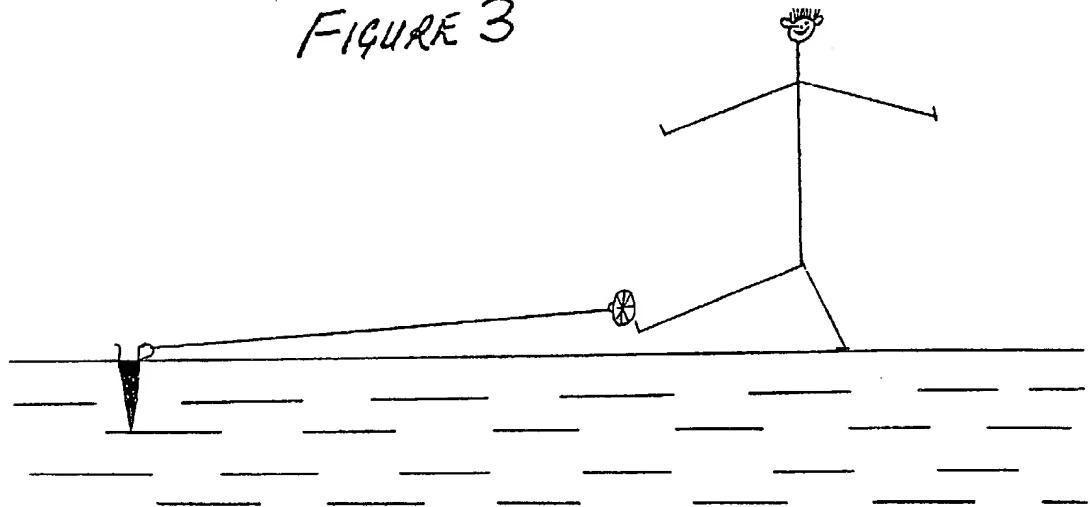
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(54) Tethered football

(57) A football is tethered to a fixed post by an elasticated tape. The attachment may be at different levels.

FIGURE 3



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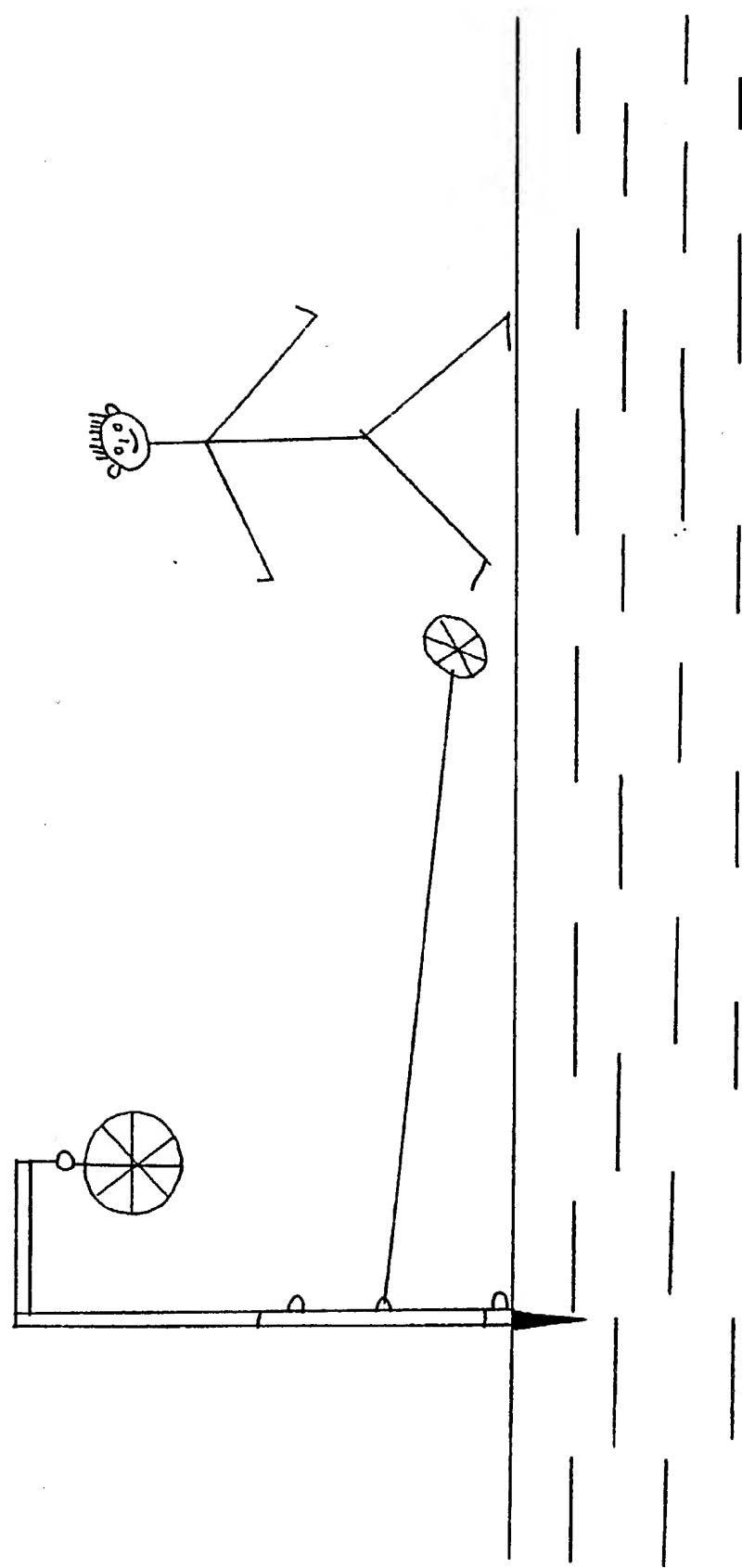
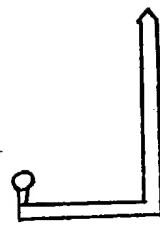


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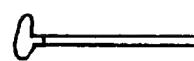
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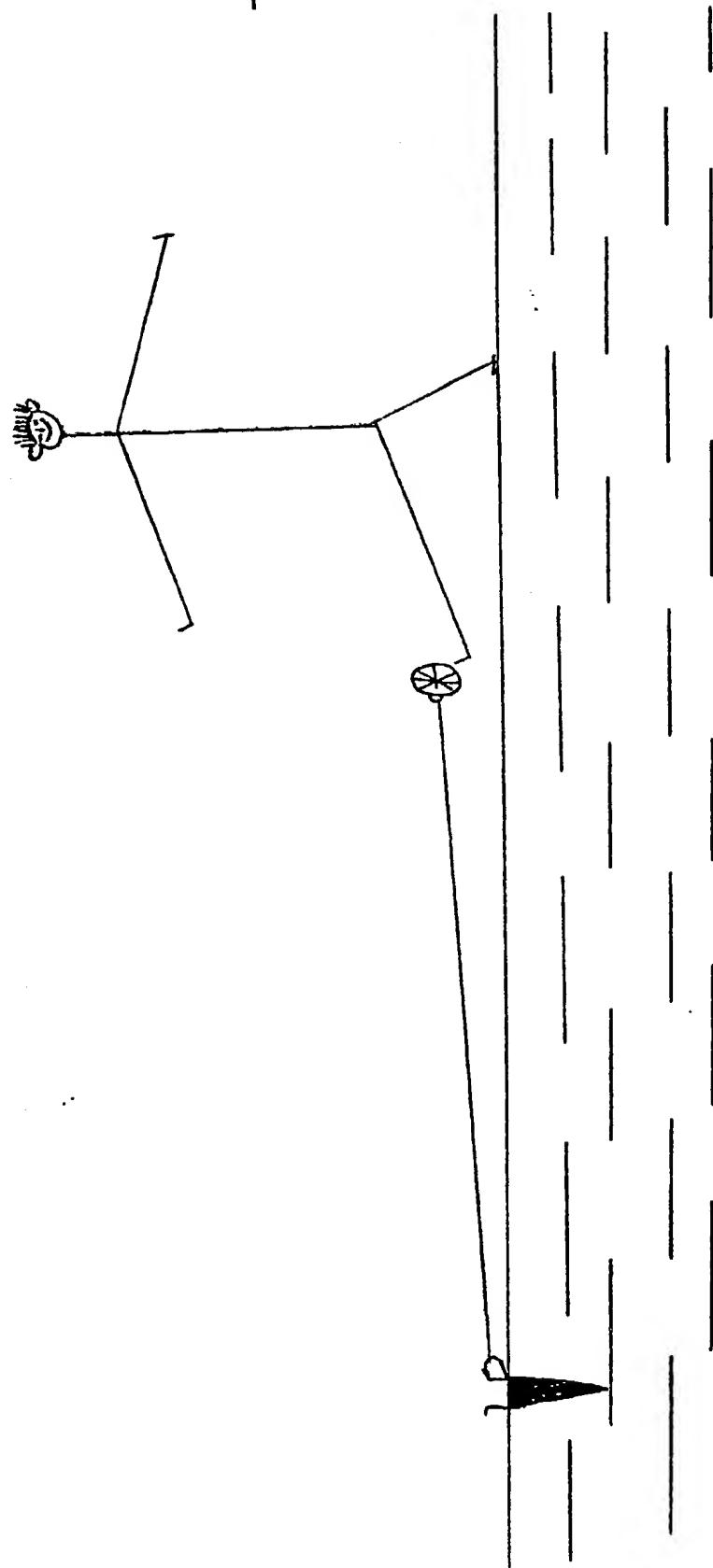
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FIGURE 3

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Description

RETURNABLE FOOTBALL

This idea relates to a returning football for use as a serious trainer, toy or game.

Footballs, of course, provide fun for children as a toy, satisfaction and enjoyment for local park footballers and a livelihood for professionals. However, once kicked away, time and effort is required to retrieve a football particularly by the individual player. Adversely too, damage, loss and danger does occur, particularly when a young child kicks the ball away and follows it wherever.

According to this idea there is a three-piece sectional stake post to which the footballs would be attached at different heights by elasticated tape. The balls could be small, medium or full size, made of sponge, plastic or leather. The post would be embedded in the ground or beach, for instance. Attached is a sheet of three drawings which describe the apparatus, its parts and the way it can be used.

Figure 1 shows the complete apparatus.

Figures 2 is a breakdown of the component parts thus:

- A footballs with hook attachment.
- B elasticated tape with attachment clip.
- C base of post with ground level hook.
- D middle extension post.
- E scaffold extension for heading practice.

Figure 3 demonstrates the apparatus at ground level using only the ground level stake.

Claim

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The claim for the use as a toy is that the ball would be returned to the child's feet, thus avoiding loss, damage to garden plants and the possibility of the child following a loose ball into potentially dangerous areas such as roads or where there is a river or pond.

As a serious trainer for footballers the thought is to develop instinctive, first-time and well-timed striking of a moving ball, plus improving balance and fitness.

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